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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-3, 5, 6, and 8-13 are pending in the application. By the Amendment, claims 1, 2, 5, 6, and 8 are amended, claims 2 and 7 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, and new claims 9-13 are added. The specification is amended merely for clarification, as appropriate. It is believed that no new matter is introduced in the application. Support for the claims can be found throughout the original specification, including the claims and the drawings originally filed, for example, at page 6, lines 8-17. Reconsideration of the application in view of the above amendments and at least the reasons below is respectfully requested.

The Office Action objects to the drawings. Accordingly, the specification has been amended to address the objections.

The Office Action, at page 4, rejects claims 1, 2, 4, and 5 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over Yach et al. (hereinafter "Yach"); rejects claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Yach in view of Nagase; and rejects claims 6-8 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Yach in view of Manssen et al. (hereinafter "Manssen"). The rejections are respectfully traversed.

Amended claim 1 recites a voice call originating method in a radio terminal, which includes designating directly the identified telephone number on a display of the radio terminal in an editable form so as to allow a user to edit the telephone number prior to calling the telephone number. Independent claim 5 includes similar features in a varying scope.

As noted, page 6, lines 8-17 of the present invention provides that the user can designate a telephone number appearing on the LCD 15 for calling in a single step. Designation of the

displayed telephone number places the telephone number in an editable state, at which point the user chooses between initiating a call to the designated telephone number merely by pressing “send” on the keypad 16, or editing the designated telephone number to an edited number displayed on the LCD 15. The user may then directly place a call to the edited telephone number by pressing the “send” key. Having the option of editing the phone number is particularly advantageous because the user is able to visually verify the number is accurate before calling. Further, sometimes the displayed telephone number may include the prefix “1” (e.g., 1-523-466-1234), indicating a long distance phone call. However, if the actual number is not actually a long distance call, the user may delete the prefix “1” prior to calling to avoid unnecessary long distance charges for the phone call.

On the contrary, Yach is directed to a system and method for integrating voice and data operations into a mobile device 100 by which a user can automatically call a number that appears within the text of a data message 440. As shown as Step 3 in Figure 4, when a user selects a number appearing in the message, processes internal to the mobile device 100 verify whether the selected number is a “real phone number” 620. Upon verification as a valid phone number, a call is initiated to the selected, valid phone number (Step 4). The user cannot edit the phone number in Yach. Yach further provides, at paragraph 85, that when a valid telephone number cannot be obtained by the verification process, “the user is informed with an error message 725.” Accordingly, the user is not given an opportunity to edit the selected number for calling.

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Nagase and Manssen also fail to disclose or suggest the aforementioned undisclosed features of Yach.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that independent claims 1 and 5, and each of the claims depending therefrom are allowable.

In addition, new claims 9-13 have been added to set forth the invention in a varying scope, and Applicant submits the new claims are supported by the originally filed application (e.g., see Figure 4 and the corresponding description). It is respectfully submitted new claims 9-13 are allowable for similar reasons as above.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney, **Garth D. Richmond**, at the telephone number listed below. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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